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1. Accounts received in Mandalay of the repressive Communist regime in Yunnan have cost the Burma Chinese Shop Employees Association (BCSEA) the support of the Yunnanese in Mandalay, who regard the organization as Communist dominated. The frequent visits of BCSEA President, YAN Pit-tah to various Burma-Yunnan frontier towns are viewed with increasing suspicion.
2. The Mandalay Yunnanese are reputed to have set up an organization to help Kuomintang (KMT) refugees from Yunnan on their way to Taiwan. CHON Kwan-win,* Yunnanese proprietor of the Lim Kyn lodging house in Mandalay, reportedly figures prominently in this activity.
3. The Overseas Chinese School in Mandalay has added instruction in Communism to its curriculum. Chinese elders and KMT members have complained about this to the school's Board of Management. Most of the Board members privately sympathized with the complaints but stated that they were powerless against the orders from Rangoon of the China Democratic League (Burma) (CDL(B)).**
4. A Lashio report states that several anti-Communist leaflets were posted conspicuously on walls on 30 July. Removed under police supervision, the leaflets condemned as public enemies and traitors those Chinese preparing to welcome the new Chinese Communist Ambassador to Burma.***

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* Comment. Although CHON Kwan-win has not been previously reported, such a refugee organization seems possible. It may be responsible also for the anti-Communist propaganda mentioned in paragraph four. Also it may be connected with the Burma Navigation Corporation, 666 Merchant Street, Rangoon, a Chinese shipping firm, which has recently been trying to secure Burmese transit visas to Taiwan for refugees detained in Lashio.

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** Comment. A recent report indicated that the curriculum of China Democratic League (CDL)-controlled schools in Burma, of which the Overseas Chinese School in Mandalay is one, would follow instructions received from the Educational Committee of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Bureau in Peiping.

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